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Medicaid Urges Frequent Checks of Federal “Excluded Entities”

Medicaid Program Integrity staff urge Medicaid service providers, including school corporations, to check that their employees and contractors are not excluded from participating in federal programs.

Updated monthly, 2 sites, <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/> and <http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.asp>, identify “Excluded Individuals.” Using data such as name, Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number, these online searchable databases allow users to verify whether an individual or entity is banned from federal program participation. Reasons for federal program exclusions range from previous fraud conviction to default on federal student loans. According to information pub-

lished by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, **all paid claims involving excluded individuals or businesses will be recouped in full as Medicaid overpayments.** Providers are cautioned to perform frequent checks to ensure their staff and contractors, including medical billing agents, are **not** listed in the databases at the aforementioned Web sites.

For more on federal health care program exclusions: see Medicaid Bulletin BT200715 <http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Bulletins/BT200715.pdf> and [Medicaid Fraud, Abuse and Program Integrity-Oct 2013 presentation](#) in [Medicaid in Schools Community](#) Files & Bookmarks at the IDOE Learning Connection.

Improper Medicaid Denials of Private Duty Nurse at School & Other Therapies

Improperly denied Medicaid prior authorization (PA) requests for services to school-age children are being reviewed and reprocessed by Indiana Medicaid’s contractor, Advantage Health Solutions. An administrator at the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning advises that some September and October 2013 Medicaid PA requests for private duty nurses to accompany children at school and for therapy services provided outside of

school were processed in accordance with an incorrect and unapproved policy.

Affected Home Health providers are asked to contact Diane King of Advantage Health Solutions at (317) 810-4500 and provide the Medicaid PA number to facilitate research and resolution of any remaining concerns.

School personnel with questions may contact [Tracy Brunner](#).

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Did you know?

- Dec. 13, 2013 is the last day to sign up for the IndianaMAC funds recovery program beginning with January 2014; contact inmac@pcgus.com.
- 132,000 children in Indiana are uninsured, and 71% of uninsured Hoosiers are in families with at least 1 full-time worker.

- Regional Outreach Coordinators help bring together Indiana schools & local partners; to learn more visit www.doe.in.gov/outreach.



Together, IndianaMAC participating schools recover ... over \$1 million per quarter for helping students access health services.

IndianaMAC-Reimbursable Administrative Staff Time

To fulfill their mission schools routinely perform a variety of support services to help students be ready to learn. In many cases, that includes administrative time assisting families with identifying and addressing students' unmet physical, mental, dental, hearing and vision health needs.

Through "IndianaMAC," the State's school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming program, Indiana public school corporations, charter schools and State-operated schools can recover some of their state and locally funded costs

for staff time spent on administrative outreach activities such as calling and meeting with parents, school clinicians and health care providers in the community; arranging for transportation, translation or sign language interpretation necessary for a student/family to access health care services; attending trainings or presenting information on health care or Medicaid enrollment assistance; performing translation, Braille transcription or sign language interpretation during health care or while assisting with health coverage enrollment [see article below on connecting Hoosiers to

health coverage].

By participating in the statewide claiming process, about 90 school districts recover a portion of their costs (typically over \$1 million per quarter) for helping children gain access to health services that boost student wellness, attendance and learning. Public Consulting Group (PCG) provides systems and technical support for the statewide time study and administrative claim calculation processes. Contact inmac@pcgus.com for details, including sign-up deadlines and requirements.



Indiana Medicaid Rate Change for IEP Nursing Services 1/1/14

For dates of service January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the maximum Medicaid reimbursement rate for IEP nursing services [CPT code 99600 TD TM] is \$10.66 per 15

minutes. Coverage policy and billing instructions remain the same as published in Medicaid bulletin [BT201108](#) and Chapter 8 of the Medicaid Billing Tool Kit for IEP Services, available online under

Manuals at the Indiana Department of Education's School-based Medicaid Web page: <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid>.

Connecting Hoosier Children and Families to Health Coverage

About Special Kids or ASK, <http://aboutspeciallykids.org>, is an Indiana organization that serves parents of children with special needs. ASK plans to participate with Covering Kids & Families-Indiana, www.ckfindiana.org, in a new grant-funded initiative called, "Connecting Hoosier Children and Families with Health Insurance."

According to the ASK September e-newsletter, "this initiative will utilize school-based outreach to target children in eight underserved counties in four regions of Indiana. The project will engage schools and health centers to enroll 6,000 low-

income children into health insurance ... retain their coverage at the redetermination period [and] ... connect children and their families to medical homes that are geographically accessible to them. The project will target Allen, Delaware, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Parke, St. Joseph, and Vermillion Counties. These counties were selected due to their low per capita income, slow growth of enrollment in public health insurance, lack of available primary care providers, and the strength of the partners in each county. They are federally designated as Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) and Health Professionals Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for primary, dental and mental health care."

School districts in the targeted areas and throughout the state can recover a portion of the costs to support such health care outreach projects. Through school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("IndianaMAC") participating districts can claim unrestricted federal funds for staff time spent on helping to connect eligible students and families with health care coverage and health care services.

For more details and resources visit the Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Click Files & Bookmarks, then IndianaMAC, then the "Help Students & Families Get Health Coverage ..." folder.



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education	
National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) — Sept 16-19, 2014 Niagara Falls, New York medicaidforeducation.org	Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) — Spring 2014 Dates/Location TBA www.icase.org

Across the Nation

Indiana school and community partnerships were featured in a September 2013 national webinar co-hosted by the Association for Community Health Improvement and the School-Based Health Alliance (formerly the National Assembly on School-Based Healthcare, "NASBHC"). The free webinar, entitled "[Back to School: Why Hospitals Are Investing in School-based Health Care](#)," described community partnerships between local health organizations and schools to improve health outcomes for school-age children.

In this presentation, hospital leaders from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Detroit, Michigan, and Indianapolis, Indiana discussed their organizations' cost-

effective investments in school-based health care. The presenters shared data and strategies that achieved win-win results with school partners in their local communities.

An archive of School-Based Health Alliance webinars, focusing on school-based and school-linked health services and potential funding sources, is accessible on the Alliance Web site www.sbh4all.org.

Information on school-based and school-linked health care services and other school health initiatives in Indiana is available under "Promising Practices" on the Indiana School Health Network's home page at <http://www.inschoolhealth.org/>.

